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- Authorities offered a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of a suspect dubbed the “AK-47 Bandit”, who allegedly robbed a credit union in Mason City, Iowa July 28 and is linked to 5 other robberies in multiple States. – *ABC News* (See item [7](#))
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- Security researchers from Trend Micro discovered a vulnerability in the Android operating system’s mediaserver component in which an attacker could use a malformed Matroska video container file to crash and render a device unusable. – *IDG News Service* (See item [27](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *July 29, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **Releasing highly hazardous chemicals lands Gregory, Texas, energy facility in hot water with OSHA.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Gregory-based Southcross Energy Partners GP LLC July 29 with 1 willful and 6 serious safety violations for failing to train operators, update operating procedures, and other issues, following an investigation into an incident that caused a pressure-release valve to release flammable gas and liquid into the atmosphere for 2 hours. Proposed penalties total \$112,000.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=28350

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *July 30, KSAT 12 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Firefighters battle large fire at steel mill near Seguin.** Firefighters from Guadalupe County and surrounding areas were battling a fire July 30 at a Commercial Metals Company TX steel mill near San Antonio that reportedly started in one of its material feedstock piles. The cause of the incident is under investigation.
Source: <http://www.ksat.com/content/pns/ksat/news/2015/07/29/large-warehouse-fire-reported-near-seguin.html>
3. *July 30, WWJ 62 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Ford Romeo engine plant evacuated over bomb threat, workers sent home.** Morning shift workers were evacuated and sent home July 30 following a bomb threat placed to the Ford Engine Plant in Romeo. Local law enforcement was investigating the threat, while plant officials planned to resume operations with the afternoon shift.
Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2015/07/30/ford-romeo-engine-plant-evacuated-over-possible-bomb-threat/>
4. *July 29, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Whirlpool recalls Jenn-Air Wall Ovens due to risk of burns.** The Whirlpool Corporation issued a recall July 29 for about 33,000 Jenn-Air brand single and double wall ovens, and combination microwave/wall ovens with an extendable roller rack with handle, due to an issue in which the extendable roller rack can unexpectedly disengage, posing a burn hazard. The products were sold at Sears, Pacific Sales, and other stores nationwide, and by wholesalers from March – June 2015.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/Whirlpool-Recalls-Jenn-Air-Wall->

[Ovens/?utm_source=feedly&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=Recalls+RSS](#)

5. *July 29, Autoblog* – (International) **Mini recalls 30K Hardtops to improve side-impact protection.** Mini is recalling 30,456 various two-door model year 2013 - 2015 Mini Cooper Hardtop vehicles to add more energy-absorbing material in the space between rear interior panels and hatchback exteriors to meet Federal impact requirements.

Source: <http://www.autoblog.com/2015/07/29/mini-hardtops-nhtsa-recall/>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

6. *July 30, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **SEC charges operators of fraud based in Upstate New York.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged 2 men and 8 companies July 30 with allegedly defrauding over 125 investors out of at least \$8 million through misleading statements about company prospects, and through the sale of purported “charitable gift annuities” falsely claimed to have been backed by reputable insurance companies.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/ak-47-bandit-strikes-robs-credit-union-iowa/story?id=32773494>

7. *July 30, ABC News* – (National) **AK-47 Bandit strikes again, robs credit union in Iowa.** Authorities offered a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect dubbed the “AK-47 Bandit”, who allegedly robbed a credit union in Mason City Iowa July 28, shot a police officer in a robbery in California in 2012, and is linked to 4 other bank robberies in multiple States.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/ak-47-bandit-strikes-robs-credit-union-iowa/story?id=32773494>

8. *July 29, Associated Press* – (National) **Investment adviser pleads guilty in \$1.2B Ponzi scheme.** A Florida investment adviser pleaded guilty July 29 to charges surrounding his role in a \$1.2 billion Ponzi scheme that collapsed in 2009, in which he allegedly lured investors to the scheme’s mastermind through deception and false assurances. Over two dozen other suspects have been convicted in connection to the scam.

Source: <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/Investment-Adviser-Pleads-Guilty-in-12B-Ponzi-Scheme-319552121.html>

9. *July 29, Consumer Affairs* – (Florida) **“Thin green line” scam allegedly made millions for scam artists.** Authorities indicted 8 South Florida individuals who allegedly solicited about \$2.4 million from over 200 investors by claiming their company, Thought Development Inc., had invented a device that generated a green laser line on football fields for easier first-down measurement, as well as a scheme in which the suspects fraudulently sold stock in a fee-based gaming serviced called Virgin

Gaming.

Source: <http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news/thin-green-line-scam-allegedly-made-millions-for-scam-artists-072915.html>

Transportation Systems Sector

10. *July 30, KCRA 3 Sacramento* – (California) **Union Pacific train derails near Galt cemetery.** Crews worked overnight to clear about 1,300 feet of damaged track after a Union Pacific train headed to Illinois from Lathrop derailed in Galt July 29. There was no impact on the Union Pacific train system.
Source: <http://www.kcra.com/news/local-news/news-sacramento/union-pacific-train-derails-near-galt-cemetery/34430050>
11. *July 30, NBC News* – (Wisconsin) **Two die after small plane crashes at Milwaukee airport.** Two people were killed after a small airplane crashed while trying to land at Timmerman Airport in Milwaukee July 29. The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board plans to investigate the cause of the crash.
Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/two-die-after-small-plane-crashes-milwaukee-airport-n400811>
12. *July 29, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Semi hauling cattle overturns, shuts down northbound Interstate 35 in southern Oklahoma.** Northbound lanes of Interstate 35 in Paoli near mile marker 80 were shut down for an unspecified amount of time July 29 while crews responded to an accident, after a semi-truck hauling about 100 head of cattle overturned.
Source: <http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/f0b763584feb466cba05fed62154a99d/OK--Interstate-Shutdown>
13. *July 29, Riverside Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Beaumont: Hwy. 79 reopens after three vehicle crash kills dad, child.** All lanes of Highway 79 in Beaumont have reopened July 29 after being shut down for several hours while crews cleared the scene of a 3-vehicle accident that killed 2 passengers and injured 3 others.
Source: <http://www.pe.com/articles/beaumont-775177-traffic-collision.html>

Food and Agriculture Sector

14. *July 30, Food Safety News* – (Wisconsin) **70 sickened in Wisconsin Salmonella outbreak linked to pork carnitas.** Wisconsin officials reported July 30 that the final count for the Salmonella outbreak in Kenosha County was raised to 70 people after a May 14 investigation found pork carnitas sold at Supermercado Los Corrales had sickened 10 people.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2015/07/70-sickened-in-wisconsin-salmonella-outbreak-linked-to-pork-carnitas/#.VboPFvIVhBc>
15. *July 29, University of Wisconsin Daily Chronicle; Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **First bird flu quarantines lifted.** The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture reported

July 29 that three quarantines surrounding commercial poultry farms were lifted in Barron, Chippewa, and Jefferson Counties following the H5N2 bird flu found in early April, allowing each farm to restock its bird population.

Source: http://host.madison.com/news/local/first-bird-flu-quarantines-lifted/article_1176db78-b5e1-5d54-b39f-606c7a8a2eb1.html

16. *July 29, KWTX 10 Waco* – (Texas) **Dozens of deer killed at Texas ranch for chronic wasting disease.** Texas State officials reported that 34 deer at a breeding ranch in Medina County were euthanized July 28 after a buck tested positive for chronic wasting disease in June. An investigation is ongoing to determine other infected deer.

Source: <http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/Dozens-Of-Deer-Killed-At-Texas-Ranch-For-Chronic-Wasting-Disease-319483621.html>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *July 29, WESH 2 Orlando* – (Florida) **Boil water advisory affects 7,500 Volusia County homes.** Approximately 7,500 Volusia County homes are under a boil water notice July 29 after a water treatment plant in Debary lost water pressure due to a mechanical failure.

Source: <http://www.wesh.com/news/boil-water-advisory-affects-7500-volusia-county-homes/34417428>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

18. *July 30, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **First computer outage, then water main break causes headaches for Barnes-Jewish Hospital.** A 20-hour computer outage at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri prevented access to email, medical records, and scheduling July 28. A water main break on Kingshighway which closed all northbound lanes forced 130 patients to be moved to other parts of the hospital later that day after water entered the basement and impacted the hospital's electrical equipment.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/d31b10227ea54c8e80935471428b1e76/MO--Barnes-Jewish-Hospital>

Government Facilities Sector

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Emergency Services Sector

19. *July 29, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Ohio cop indicted on murder charge in shooting.** A University of Cincinnati officer was charged of murder and voluntary manslaughter July 29 after allegedly shooting a motorist during a traffic stop over a missing front license plate July 19. The campus was closed and classes were cancelled due to “an abundance of caution.”

Source: <http://www.policeone.com/officer-shootings/articles/8691998-Video-Ohio->

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20. *July 29, Associated Press* – (New York) **NY prison worker: I got ‘caught up’ in escape plot.** A New York Clinton Correctional Facility worker involved in a June 6 escape of two murder convicts pleaded guilty July 28 to helping the prisoners escape, and admitted to performing sexual acts and taking nude photos of herself for them.
Source: <http://www.policeone.com/investigations/articles/8691870-NY-prison-worker-I-got-caught-up-in-escape-plot>
21. *July 29, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Dispatcher tells 9-1-1 caller, ‘deal with it yourself.’** An Albuquerque 9-1-1 dispatcher resigned July 28 after telling a panicked 9-1-1 caller, who was trying to save a shooting victim, to “deal with it yourself.” An investigation into the incident is ongoing.
Source: <http://www.policeone.com/patrol-issues/articles/8691858-Dispatcher-tells-911-caller-deal-with-it-yourself>
22. *July 29, WABC 7 New York City* – (New York) **Fire engine crashes into casino bus in Yonkers; 10 injured.** A Yonkers, New York fire engine on route to an emergency crashed into an Empire City Casino bus, leaving 10 people injured. Four firefighters sustained minor injuries, while 6 bus passengers sustained injuries ranging from minor to serious.
Source: <http://7online.com/traffic/10-hurt-when-fire-engine-crashes-into-casino-bus-in-nyonkers/891978/>

Information Technology Sector

23. *July 30, The Register* – (International) **Cisco IOS-XE update time: squash that DoS bug.** Cisco released a patch for a vulnerability in its IOS-XE operating system (OS) in which an attacker could cause a denial-of-service (DoS) condition by sending a series of Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) or IPv6 fragments designed to trigger an error message.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/07/30/cisco_iosxe_update_time_squash_that_dos_bug/
24. *July 30, Help Net Security* – (International) **More than a third of employees would sell company data.** Loudhouse released results from a survey on enterprise security practices polling over 500 Internet technology (IT) decision-makers and 4,000 employees across the U.S., Europe, and Australia, revealing that 25 percent of employees polled would sell company data for less than \$8,000, citing the ready access most employees have access to valuable data, among other findings.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18682>
25. *July 30, Help Net Security* – (International) **Most malvertising attacks are hosted on news and entertainment Web sites.** Bromium Labs released an analysis of malware evasion technology revealing that over 50 percent of malware is hosted on news and entertainment Web sites, and reported an 80 percent increase in new ransomware

families since 2014, among other findings.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=3081

26. *July 29, Securityweek* – (International) **Shellshock flaw still actively exploited: Solutionary.** Solutionary's Security Engineering Research Team released findings from a report revealing that the Shellshock bug discovered in 2014 has been actively exploited by threat actors, identifying about 600,000 Shellshock-related events from over 25,000 Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, mostly in the U.S. Researchers noted that education organizations were the most targeted, among other findings.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/shellshock-flaw-still-actively-exploited-solutionary>
27. *July 29, IDG News Service* – (International) **Maliciously crafted MKV video files can be used to crash Android phones.** Security researchers from Trend Micro discovered a vulnerability in the Android operating system's (OS) mediaserver component in which an attacker could use a malformed Matroska video container (MKV) file to crash and render a device unusable.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/article/2954358/security/maliciously-crafted-mkv-video-files-can-be-used-to-crash-android-phones.html#tk.rss_security

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

28. *July 30, Reuters* – (California) **California wildfire forces evacuation of 500 people.** A July 29 brush fire dubbed "Rocky Fire" in Los Angeles spread to surrounding areas and damaged 3,000 acres overnight, prompting 500 residents to evacuate. Fire crews were working to contain the blaze.
Source: <https://bangordailynews.com/2015/07/30/news/nation/california-wildfire-forces-evacuation-of-500-people/>
29. *July 29, WTVR 6 Richmond* – (Virginia) **Arson investigation underway after 8 children lose home to Richmond apartment fire.** Authorities reported July 29 that a morning fire at an apartment complex was intentionally set after debris near the apartment caught fire and spread to the building and into the attic. Twelve people were displaced and an investigation is ongoing to determine the cause.
Source: <http://wtvr.com/2015/07/29/walcott-place-fire/>

30. *July 29, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Suspect charged in 4-alarm Houston apartment fire.** A man was arrested and charged July 29 of reckless arson after setting a 4-alarm fire at the Gentry House Apartments in Houston that damaged 47 units and displaced 25 families.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/houston/article/Suspect-charged-in-3-alarm-Houston-apartment-fire-6412363.php>

Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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